assistance for construction of common effluent treatment plants (CETFPs) for clusters of small scale industries. Funds have been released for construction of a CETP at Wazirabad industrial area.

(v) Chembur has been included in the critically polluted areas identified by the Government where concerted action has been initiated for controlling pollution.

(vi) The Ministry of Health has constituted a National Technology Mission and a sub-group, for making recommendations on the management of urban solid wastes. Waste management has been included as one of the themes for the National Environmental Awareness Campaign.

(vii) A Technology Mission on Flyash has been set up under the Ministry of Science & Technology. Special emphasis has been laid on promoting the use of flyash in various fields and the State Governments have been asked to prepare a perspective action plan for utilisation of flyash by the turn of the century. Fiscal concessions are given for manufacturing bricks out of flyash.

(viii) Unleaded petrol and catalytic converter-fitted vehicles have been introduced in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai with effect from 1.4.1995.

(ix) A programme for introduction of very low-emission vehicles and cleaner fuels, throughout the country, by the turn of the century has been prepared.

Setting up of Rural Telephone Exchanges by C-DOT in Andhra Pradesh

246. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether C-DOT is setting up any rural exchanges in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details of such exchanges to be set up in 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) C-DOT designed telephone exchanges are being set up by the Department of Telecom, in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The district-wise details are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

District-wise details of Rural Telephone Exchanges Planned to be set up during 1996-97 in Andhra Pradesh

S. No.	Name of District	No. of Exchanges
1.	Adilabad	6
2.	Ananthapur	10
3.	Chittoor	31
4.	Cuddapah	8
5.	East-Godavari	29
6.	Guntur	30
7.	Karimnagar	14
8.	Khamman	13
9.	Krishna	28
10.	Kurnool	15
11.	Mahaboobnagar	23
12.	Medak	18
13.	Nalgonda	19
14.	Nellore	13
15.	Nizamabad	15
16.	Prakasham	16
17.	Rangareddy	13
18.	Srikakulam	13
19.	Visakhapatnam	15
20.	Vizianagaram	10

21.	Warangal	18
22	West Godavari	43
Total		400

The above plan is subject to availability of equipment.

Directives to States to Improve Prison Conditions

247. SHRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prison conditions as a whole in the country are horrible and depressing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite of that many State Governments have not utilised the funds given to them for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue specific directives to the State Governments in this regard, if so when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM LAL RAHI): (a) to (c) Concern over prison conditions has been expressed by the Central Government, National Human Rights Commission and other bodies. Concern has also been expressed by the Central Government on the non-utilisation of Central Assistance for the purpose by some of the State Governments. 'Prisons' being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to not only take steps for improving the conditions of jails but also to avail of and effectively utilise the funds provided to the State Governments by the Centre. Guidelines have been issued from time to time by the Central Government to tone up the person management in the States.

तेल कम्पनियों के नेटवर्क का विस्तार

248. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार के पास देश के सभी भागों में एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) की आपूर्ति के लिए तेल कम्पनियों के नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है;

(ख) वर्ष 1994-95, 1995-96 और 1996-97 के लिए इन कम्पनियों द्वारा क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं; और

(ग) गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश में एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (ग) देश में घरेलू एल पी जी नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने के लिए, क्षेत्र की संभाव्यता और उत्पाद की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए विभिन्न स्थानों में चरणबद्ध रूप से नई एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें खोली जाती हैं। तदनुसार 1994-96 की विपणन योजना में 1191 एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप प्रस्ताव शामिल कर लिए गए हैं जिनमें से गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए क्रमशः 64, 104 और 128 प्रस्ताव शामिल हैं। 1996-97 की विपणन योजना अभी तक नहीं बनाई गई है।

Upgradation of Post Offices in Orissa

249. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices in Orissa for upgradation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of those Post Offices which are located in the scheduled areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Allocation of Natural Gas by GAIL

250. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: